

Birds & Worms News

the newsletter of the Newport Yacht Club, Rochester NY



Leeward mark action at Lightning Regatta (6/2,3)

What's Up?

7/27 – General Membership Meeting (7:30) preceded by potluck dinner (6:00) hosted by the Cruising Fleet

8/18, 19 – Snipe Briody Regatta

9/3 – Brown Jug Regatta

Since the Last Newsletter – J. Boettcher

The general membership meeting was April 27th but my memory fails me on the details and I must not have taken notes. I seem to recall some time being spent on

the jobs to be done at the work parties coming up. I do recall that the lasagna dinner provided by the Snipe fleet prior to the meeting was yummy. Next day was the Spring Work Party. The following Saturday we had both the Launch Breakfast and the Dock Work Party. I think the start of the sailing season was a little delayed but gradually got underway later in May. With the start of Thursday Night Sailing and the Lightning and Laser regattas, the season got into full swing. In the midst of this, NYC had a display at the ADK Expo. Read all about these things below.

Spring Work Party – S. Leach (Rear Commodore)

The Spring Work Party was held on Saturday, April 22nd. The weather was fairly nice considering it was April and, as I recall, the rain held off for our workday. The boat hoist was put up and, so far, it is working well (fingers crossed). The floating docks were set out to rock up and down in the summer wakes. Much was done to the *Doc Mac*, including a thorough cleaning and waxing (done prior to the work party) and a fresh coat of bottom paint the day of the work party. A few courageous fellows launched it the next Saturday. Both Whalers were launched and put on their respective haul-outs. The club grounds got a good raking and clean-up. All the windows were washed and the gutters were cleaned out. There were also various other tasks that were completed on that day that are too numerous to list.



Rick Gammons and Virginia Cumine pruning the hedge

Thank you to everyone that participated. It was a good turnout and everyone pitched in and did a fantastic job as always. Special thanks to Marcia Mephram for the beautiful flowers that we are all able to enjoy for the season.

Launch Breakfast – Saturday 5/12 – J. Vaughn and J. Boettcher

We started a bit earlier (8:00 am) this year in order to accommodate the west dock work party that was taking place the same day. It was important that the workers get an earlier start and a good breakfast. The menu consisted of fruit salad, eggs, bacon, sausage, and pancakes with special (JV) blueberry sauce. 34 folks enjoyed breakfast. Income (\$68) trailed expenses (\$88) but, since the leftover food was used for lunch for the dock workers, the Club made up the difference. Thanks to our staff: Norma Platt, Bill Vaughn, Lynn and Denise Bluett and Ed Bell.

West Dock Work Party – Saturday 5/12 – J. Boettcher

After a hearty breakfast (see article above) about 20 workers gathered to fix our sinking docks (see photo below). The clever plan was devised by Eric Schoenhardt but he did not count on some of the access problems created by previous fixes of this problem. This stalled the work for some time and there was only time to work on the west dock. Things finally came together and it was quite a sight to see about 100 foot of dock raised 6-24 inches simultaneously. Eric's key crew consisted of John Atkins, Paul Elli, Andrew Hintenach, Don Curan, Andy Smith, Landy Atkinson and Tom Lee.



Starting Point for West Dock Work Party

There was a larger support crew on shore scavenging posts (you may have noticed), mounting channel iron to post extensions, finding and provide hardware, and cutting lumber to size. Work started at 9:00 and finished at 5:30. A long day.

Race Chairman Report – E. Schoenhardt

The final racing schedule is on the last page of this newsletter. You should check with your fleet captain to see if racing is actually going to happen on a given date.

Harbormaster News – L. Hill

Some news you may already be aware of. First, we had someone walk off with two gas cans (yes, full) from our locked (?) metal box next to the hoist. We suspect problems with the design of the box and how it was secured before the theft. We also suspect a very determined thief. Second, another party tried to make off with the motors on one of the crash boats. They didn't get it but caused a lot of damage in the process.

Thanks to John Atkins for assessing the repairs and making my job of repairing the damage easier. Not too much we can do about this sort of thing but we can make sure that the gates are locked and access to some of the areas is harder. It's your club!

Snipe Stuff – Norm Dahl (Snipe Fleet Captain)

The forthcoming 'big deal' for the Snipe fleet is the Briody Memorial Regatta, scheduled for August 18-19. We expect boats from Canada, Massachusetts and elsewhere in New York. Competition will be tough. One of the visiting skippers crewed in the Etchells World Championship last year and beat John Bertrand and Dennis Connor. No doubt we locals will fill the bottom of the standings. Anyhow, we will have a great time and will again enjoy the great race supervision of Peter Allen and his crew.

TNS Tidings – S. Atkins and E. Smith

Thursday night sailing started on May 31st. We've confined ourselves to the Bay for the first few weeks. The winds have been sort of cooperative. We are hoping to get out to the Lake starting in July. The picnics afterward have been going very well.



Dave Harmon, TNS Grillmeister

Come out and join us even if you are not interested in racing.

Lightning Regatta – Sally Atkins

Nineteen boats participated in the June 2,3 regatta. Racing was confined to the Bay with seven races sailed in steady north thermal winds. Kirk Reynolds of

Skaneateles with crew (Logan McReynolds and Jim Barnash) was the winner. Mark Sertl took second with NYC alumnus Bob King following closely as third. Mike Trenkler with his young crew raced both days, flew the spinnaker once, and received the "Wooden Boat Award." Awesome weekend and everyone had a good time and was well fed. Thanks to Bill Vaughn for serving as regatta PRO.

Laser Regatta – S. Leach

The Laser Regatta was held on Saturday, June 16th. There were 10 boats that raced. We had competitors from Cazenovia, Chautauqua, Ithaca, and Buffalo as well as the Rochester area. The weather was nice and the races were held on the lake. The winds were generally light; however, four races were accomplished. The winners were as follows: 1st overall, Michael Wilde; 2nd overall, Jamie Moran; 3rd overall, Peter Bushnell; 1st Junior, Andrew Zuber; 1st Master, Rich Wait. Many thanks go those who worked on the regatta. Hats off to the Race Committee for a fantastic job. On top of Eric's crack team, Andy Smith was PRO and Norm Dahl and Dean Clayton were assisting on the water. Bob Shanebrook provided help to our guests on shore. Thanks to Eva Smith who handled the registration and helped with many other duties. Norma Platt put on a fantastic lunch after the racing and also provided breakfast. Larry Hill repaired the vandalized safety boat on very short notice and this is much appreciated by all—thanks Larry. Special thanks to Jim Cuddihee who did all the prep work for the regatta and for his leadership of the Laser Fleet.

ADK Expo – June 9th – J. Boettcher

John Atkins had the idea for NYC to be represented at this and represented we were. It was a beautiful day on the beach at Mendon Ponds Park and the ADK Expo attracted people interested in all sorts of outdoor activities. We were the only yacht club there and, with rigged Laser, Snipe and Lightnings, created quite a sight. There was also a gazebo (from Lori Foster) where visitors could get Club information. Several times during the day Alan McReynolds, John and Lori would give demonstrations on what's involved in crewing on a Lightning. There were a number of folks who signed up as potential crew.



NYC Fleet and Booth at ADK Outdoor Expo

Newsletter Contributions

Thanks to Sally Atkins for nearly all the photos in this newsletter. Norma Platt and Ed Bell are responsible for turning the draft of the newsletter into proper English. Ed Bell also provides color copies of the newsletter which are mailed to members not having e-mail. John Boettcher is the editor. Next issue will be in October of 2007. Send contributions to J. Boettcher.



Lightning crewing lowdown by Almac

Thanks to John for getting us represented and to Lori, Al, Jim Cuddihee, Tom Lee, Sally Atkins, Dave Harmon, and John Boettcher for lending a hand.

2007 Newport Yacht Club Race Schedule Final Draft

DATE	TIME		Lightnings	Snipes	Lasers	Handicap	
6-May	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
13-May	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
20-May	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
27-May	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
28-May	1:00 PM	Mon	X	X	X	X	CLUB HANDICAP RACE
31-May	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
2-Jun	10:00 AM	Sat	X				LIGHTNING REGATTA
3-Jun	10:00 AM	Sun	X				LIGHTNING REGATTA
7-Jun	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
9-Jun	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
14-Jun	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
16-Jun	10:00 AM	Sat			X		LASER REGATTA
17-Jun	1:00 PM	Sun					
21-Jun	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
23-Jun	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
28-Jun	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
30-Jun	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
4-Jul	1:00 PM	Wed	X	X	X	X	CLUB HANDICAP RACE
5-Jul	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
7-Jul	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
12-Jul	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
14-Jul	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
19-Jul	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
21-Jul	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
26-Jul	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
28-Jul	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
2-Aug	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
4-Aug	1:00 PM	Sat		X			
9-Aug	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
11-Aug	1:00 PM	Sat	X	X			
16-Aug	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
18-Aug	10:00 AM	Sat		X			BRIODY SNIPE REGATTA
19-Aug	10:00 AM	Sun		X			BRIODY SNIPE REGATTA
23-Aug	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
26-Aug	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
30-Aug	5:20 PM	Thu	X	X	X	X	
2-Sep	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
3-Sep	2:00 PM	Mon	X	X	X	X	BROWN JUG
9-Sep	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
16-Sep	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
23-Sep	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
30-Sep	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
7-Oct	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			
14-Oct	1:00 PM	Sun	X	X			